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Virginia Winter Wheat and Barley Production down from 2018

“Producers reported a delayed harvest and potential impacts to yields due to excess moisture from persistent rains,” said Herman Ellison, Virginia State Statistician. “Wheat yield increased two bushels per acre, while barley yield dropped 5 bushels per acre, from the previous year.”

Virginia farmers harvested 6.51 million bushels of **winter wheat** during the summer of 2019 according to the Virginia Field Office of USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 30 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 62.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from 2018. Farmers seeded 180,000 acres last fall, down 50,000 acres from 2018. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 105,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 75,000 acres.

Barley production for **Virginia** is estimated at 455,000 bushels, down 28 percent from the revised 2018 total. Average yield per acre, at 65.0 bushels, is down 5.0 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 30,000 acres in 2019, unchanged from last year. Harvested area, at 7,000 acres, is down 2,000 acres from 2018.

Production of **all wheat** for the **U.S.** totaled 1.96 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2018. Grain area harvested totaled 38.1 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 51.6 bushels per acre, up 4.0 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from 2018 by type are winter wheat, 1.30 billion bushels, up 10 percent; other spring wheat, 600 million bushels, down 4 percent, and durum wheat, 57.7 million bushels, down 26 percent.

Barley production for the **United States** is estimated at 171 million bushels, up 12 percent from the revised 2018 total. Average yield per acre, at 77.4 bushels, is down 0.1 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.72 million acres in 2019, up 7 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.21 million acres, is up 12 percent from 2018.

“Thanks you to all the farmers for taking time to complete the NASS surveys,” Ellison said. “We appreciate their efforts during the busy growing season.”